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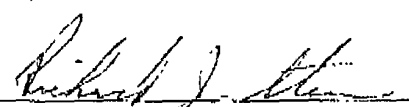
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Dear Sir:

On February 17, 2004, Applicants' representatives, Richard Stern and Theresa Brown, met with Examiner David J. Steadman to discuss the pending claims in the above-referenced application. Claim language that would encompass fragments and variants of SEQ ID NO:62 was discussed. The Examiner indicated that any variant language would be considered but advised Applicants to submit evidence suggesting a skilled artisan could make variants without undue experimentation. The Examiner suggested drafting the main claim as "a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:62" and a dependent claim reciting "A fragment of at least 38 contiguous amino acids of the polypeptide of claim 1". No agreement was reached as to the allowable of any of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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